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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all weights. The market tone was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available, instances ample in some areas. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to tight for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least fully sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA/MN/WI were unchanged with the balance of prices slightly lower. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were mostly fair to fairly good with food service demand light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample with jumbos in the closest position. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand light to moderate as breakers rely on regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43
LARGE	35-45	36-39
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	18-27	22
MEDIUM	6-11	9
SMALL	6-10	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, but noted as mostly steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least fully adequate for a moderate to good demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal for the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-62	48-50
LARGE	39-53	44-48
MEDIUM	26-39	31-33

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were slightly lower. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fair to fairly good with food service movement light to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to tight with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	27.5-36	29-32

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least fully sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43.5-51	45-48
LARGE	42-49	43-46
MEDIUM	28.5-36	29-33

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	53-57
LARGE	51-55
MEDIUM	38-42

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43-52	45-49
LARGE	42-51	43-45
MEDIUM	29-38	32-34

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last Monday with California up 9% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 15%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 9% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 44. Ads in Northern California: major- large 60 pack 599.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	90
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	64

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	249-259	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	99-219	
MEDIUM	189-205	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 08, 2005 will decrease by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 01, 2005 were 223,751 cases which was 37 percent below the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	179,133	44,618	223,751

% change from the prior week.....	-43	+6	-37

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to tight with demand light to moderate as breakers rely on regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-25	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-16	13-15
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced for next week. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
04-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-12.75	12.08

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
04-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13	12.52
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- April 04, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	15.2	7.9	13.3	11.6
	Change	-3.4	-0.3	0.3	2.2	-3.4
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.3	41.4	8.0	26.3	35.6
	Change	-0.7	8.2	0.3	5.5	6.1
Large	Curr Wk	63.7	118.0	45.6	96.7	84.3
	Change	-5.1	34.3	2.9	11.5	12.1
Medium	Curr Wk	10.4	53.5	15.3	18.6	28.4
	Change	-0.8	12.3	2.2	-5.0	-1.4
Small	Curr Wk	6.9	10.9	3.2	4.6	4.1
	Change	1.5	3.7	1.0	-0.5	1.0
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	25.5	9.4	12.2	6.0
	Change	-1.1	0.6	-3.1	-2.6	-1.2
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.0	35.0	20.4	23.0	30.1
	Change	-0.4	-2.7	4.0	-3.0	5.9
Total	Curr Wk	124.4	299.5	109.8	194.7	200.1
Percent	Change	-7%	23%	7%	4%	11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	928.5	10%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	244.0	0%	35
Total Shell Egg	1172.5	7%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 1, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							15.50		FUTURE LOADS							5.00		TOTAL LOADS							20.50	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST										
GL W J	—	—	—	—	36.75	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	1.00								
GL W XL	—	—	37.00	39.00	33.75	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.50	2.00								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.25	3.00								
GL W MD	—	—	22.00	24.00	19.00	22.83	4.50	GL W MD	22.00	—	—	31.25	28.00	31.00	4.50											
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	25.00	26.00	—	—	4.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/28/05-04/01/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
118.75								55.25								174.00							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	24.67	25.00	25.00	26.50	22.50	26.00	15.00	GNR W 1	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	8.00								
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	40.00	—	—	—	—	49.81	4.00								
GL W J	—	—	46.75	48.00	36.08	37.00	5.25	GL W XL	42.00	36.83	—	—	43.50	44.69	14.75								
GL W XL	—	38.67	37.92	38.81	32.84	—	46.75	GL W LG	31.14	37.00	—	—	—	38.31	16.75								
GL W LG	—	—	22.10	30.30	25.72	31.73	20.50	GL W MD	20.80	24.00	—	30.83	28.00	29.19	18.00								
GL W MD	25.00	22.50	23.15	23.43	18.48	21.91	32.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	22.00	25.00	1.00								
GL W SM	25.50	28.50	23.67	26.25	24.00	26.00	8.00	NRBS - 42	16.50	17.50	—	—	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	19.85	21.88	21.79	24.52	21.13	22.69	46.25																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/28/05	03/21/05	03/29/04
PACIFIC COAST	320	335	170
LOS ANGELES	311	326	105

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small size, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66.63
LARGE	59.63
MEDIUM	46.63
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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